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Dead Dog-FDT 2220

Difficulty: Moderate **Trail Use:** Low

Length: 4.26 miles

Elevation: Starts at 8736 feet, ends at 11,125 feet, highest point 11,426 feet

Elevation Gain: +3090 feet - 701 feet = +2389 feet

Open To: Hiking, horseback riding

Access:

- Travel 16.5 miles east from Eagle on I-70 to the Edwards exit and head south towards the town and Hwy. 6.
- At Hwy. 6 turn right, heading west, for 0.7 miles to Lake Creek Rd., turning left, south, at the National Forest Access sign.
- Travel on this road for 1.8 miles and then turn right onto West Lake Creek Rd., look for the sign at the turn for the East Lake Creek trailhead.
- Follow this road for approximately 4 miles to the trailhead, staying to the right at the "Y" after the bridge.
- Follow East Lake Creek- FDT 1880 for 0.8 miles to the junction with Dead Dog.

Trail Highlights:

- The trail begins in an aspen grove and as you gain elevation turns to spruce/ fir forest.
- As you approach the ridge before Middle Lake, the trail becomes steep. When you reach the
 ridge between the Middle and West Lake Creek drainages it dips slightly into the Middle Lake
 Creek drainage.
- East Lake Creek offers fishing for Colorado cutthroat, brook and rainbow trout.
- The trail ends at the junction with Middle Lake- FDT 2223. This trail will lead you to the picturesque 9 acre lake surrounded by rocky, snow-covered peaks.
- Middle Lake offers fishing for Colorado cutthroat as well as rainbow trout.

Important Information:

- ALL DISTANCES ARE ONE WAY.
- AT THE TRAILHEAD FOR EAST LAKE CREEK, PLEASE ONLY PARK IN THE TRAILHEAD PARKING LOT, THERE IS PRIVATE PROPERTY SURROUNDING THE AREA.
- THIS TRAIL BEGINS AT THE HOLY CROSS WILDERNESS ENTRANCE, PLEASE PRACTICE WILDER-NESS ETHICS, NO MOTORIZED OR MECHANIZED TRAVEL ALLOWED.

PACK IT IN- PACK IT OUT!! LEAVE NO TRACE!!

THIS MAP IS INTENDED FOR USE AS A GENERAL GUIDE ONLY, NOT FOR ACTUAL LAND NAVIGATION. THE WHITE RIVER NATIONAL FOREST STRONGLY SUGGESTS PURCHASING A TOPOGRAPHIC TRAIL MAP AND COMPASS PRIOR TO BEGINNING A HIKING TRIP.